Teachers' Department.

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SPELLING. BY J. R. KIRK.

A line drawn between the subjects whose perfection is automatic and physical action and those whose use is knowledge and mental culture. Spelling has little relation to think-

ing. In spelling for practical purposes, the less thinking the better. The chief instruments in spelling

be for a specific, purpose, i. e., for voice practice, or for hand and eye practice.

of second reader pupils. In some ly by the children. Then let each districts these children have no book slate be examined by the teacher in except the reader. Hence the teach- the manner suggested for the lesson er's industry and alertness will meas ure the skill of the children in spelling. All new and difficult words for some pages in advance of the reading lesson should. I think, be discovered by the teacher and written in convenient lists. Each less on should consist of four or five rew words already pretty well learned.

It is not en jugh to spell a word -once or twice correctly and then dismiss it . That is how is not to do it. The correct spelling habit is acquir ed by many repetitions of each word. Nothing short of this will suffice.

For one week's work the following is suggested: For Monday and Tuesday the teacher selects all the words in the five pages next in advance of the reading lessons. For one spelling lesson, four or five of these new words and ten or fifteen others are written on the blackboard properly marked as to syllables, accent, and all peculiar sounds of the letters. The assignment of the lesson consists in showing the words to the children pronouncing the words, and having the children pro- ordered, his Liver was afflicted to nounce them and spell by syllables an alarming degree, appetite fell this is the time to teach the sounds of Electric Bitters cured him. of letters as associated with their appropriate marks. The aration Ill., had a running sore on his leg of ago the Republican managers were on part of the children consists in eight years' standing. Used three copying very carefully the entire les- bottles of Electric Bitters and seven son, letter for letter, and mark for boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, from the Democratic ticket to elect

teacher's opportunity, the one op portunity of a life time. The children come up with their work to recite, earnest, innocent, impressible little mortals. The slates are not collected. Each child presents his slate, or her slate, and stands neur while the teacher with praticed eye mentions every error. The child sees and hears what each error, omission, or oversight is and learns temporarily at least the correct form. All the other pupils listen intently. Sometimes when an error is mentioned another papil is allowed to correct it. Sometimes'a pupil is allowed to come up and detect an error. This is a rare privilege. Some children will prepare several such lessons in succession without an error. This plan of preparation and recitation is valuable for hand and eye practice. It has been my pleasure to witness the effect of this plan. The children become remarkably accurate in writ. ten spelling. And the plan involve no loss of time. Fifteen minutes the day for the past week. On Sunafford ample time to examine fifteen day night of last week the citizens or twenty slates containing twenty were aroused by the screaming of a words each.

the children are resolved into an ed that her husband had been taken old-fashoned oral spelling class for from his bed by several tough boys voice practice. Each lesson consists who tied him to a tree in a nude conof twenty or thirty of the words dition and gave him an unmerciful studied on Monday and Tuesday. At | whipping with a whip, cutting fearthe time for reciting the words are ful gashes in his body. The reason reproved from the children's sight, given by the boys for their action is the children stand in a line and they wanted him to leave the country. spell from head to foot. Each child hears every thing that is said. The teacher pronounces the word. The child repronounces the word and spells it by syllables, pronounces each syllable after spelling the syllable, and reprononnees the word after the whole word is spelled. Some extra practice is allowed those childull boy at the foot. A dull boy at that only one similar instance is retively, but were owned by C. W. Wiltactician front.

to the children or more exciting than fully treated in the same institution. tradition.

the oral recitation. The fact reclass-mate misses a word which he released. ought to know.

For Friday the lesson may well be devoted exclusively to hand and eye practice. This is the plan: Write upon the black-board about thirty of the words studied during the preceding four days, omitting the syllabication and diacritical markings. Have the children write the words on are the ear, the voice, the eye and their slates in the same manner the hand. Each recitation should merely for practice. At the time of reciting, have the words erased from the slates and black-board. Then let the words be pronounced by the Suppose a spelling class composed teacher and written somewhat rapidon Monday and Tuesday.

> Accuracy is not characteristic of children. Hence it is unsafe to trust them with the marking of their own errors. The teacher is the only reliable critic. Again, cold broth is unpalatable. Hence all slate work should be criticised and corrected before it gets cold. Again, it is not easy to teach a child anything when he is absent. Hence it is unprofitable to stack up the slates to correct them after the children are dis missed. Marking errors on slates is not correcting the errors in the heads of the children. Finally, if the children have spelling-books it is easier work to teach the spelling as spelling, but the spelling of words in the readers is likely to be neglected, and on that account the children may not read so well.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis. was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disorally all the new ones. This is for away, and he was terribly reduced both ear and voice practice. And in flesh and strength. Three bottles Leverett Leonard, the nominee of

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, and his leg is sound and well. John It is in the racitation of this I sion | Speeker, Catawba, O., had five large that the true and the earnest teacher | Fever sores on his leg, doctors said makes upon each little girl and boy he was incurable. One bottle Elecan indelible impress. Here is the tric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by W. C. Gaston Drug store.

Sullivan has lost none of his old time strength and speed. He is apparently as robust and active as he was five years ago, and if he hits Corbet a couple of punches with his of last week while out for a pleasure runs over the lesson, and in the most left hand as viciously as he hits that kindly manner detects, marks, and ler ther bag in the barn the Californian will probably go into a trance. Still, it isn't as easy to hit a clever, active young man as it is to wallop a leather punching bag. But John L. understands this thoroughly well He regards the approaching contest unable to work. On Thursday he as already decided, so far as he is concerned. But the fact that he is working harder than ever before | lenly he was taken with a hemorwhile training shows that he has a great regard for Corbet's prowess.

JOHN McWalters, wife and two children have been sleeping in the woods at night, near Humansville, Polk county, and begging during we man and hastened quickly to her Now for Wednesday and Thursday rescue. Upon arrival they ascertain

> MISS DOLLIVER, sister of Congressman Dolliver, of Iowa, was discharg- owned in Kentucky, though Mambried from the New York ophthalmic no Gift soon went to Michigan and hospital at Twenty-third street and Phallas was bought when a colt by Third avenue a few days ago, having J. 1. Case and was trained and develexperienced a somewhat remarkable oped in Wisconsin. The dams of

mains: children like it. It cultivates hand into a coffee pot to wash it expenses of running the schools of the habit of alertness and the power out. In attempting to get her hand Ray county amounted to \$49.616.of attention. No time is lost by it. out, she found she was unable to do | 98; of this amount \$38,454.05 was Every child consciously spells every so, and was compelled to go to a paid to teachers, \$5,555.32 for inciword pronounced. Every listening tinner and have him cut the pot in dentals and \$5,607.61 for school ear is shocked when an unfortunate two pieces before her hand could be buildings and repairs.

night of last week at the residence sie, of Richmond, Ray county, was of her son. J. W. Harper, one person living in Missouri. Had she lived until Sept. 27 she would have celebrated her 103d birthday.

present system of country roads are the public demands. During the it recorded before the ceremony. summer, when the roads are at their best, he is busy at the work of cultivation and reaping.

JOHN W. FRANCIS, formerly of Ray county friend last week stated that he had gathered \$53 worth of black- elbow in such a manner that the bone berries off of one-twelfth of an acre of ground this year. This is an immense yield and gets away with anything we have vet heard of.

ONE of the most terrific explosions in the history of the city of St. Louis occurred in the vicinity of Fourth street and Chouteau avenue. Three people were killed and a number of others were seriously injured, and several are missing. The explosion the bone in a dozen places. is believed to be due to the generation of gas in the Mill Creek sewer.

J. W. Pierson, of Callaway, county found an open face gold watch in a ravine the other day. It had, from its appearance, been there a number of years as the hands had rusted off but on the face was the word "Eligin," showing the name of the works. The late rains had washed the gully ten or twelve inches deeper, which proved that it had been there a long

WE hear very little said about the third party for governor. There can be no doubt that a few weeks very hopeful that Mr. Leonard's candidacy would draw enough votes Major Warner; but the developments since the nomination have discours aged them.

MISS ANNIE SORGE, of St. Joseph who was at the head of the trim ming department of the Englehart, Winning & Davidson millinery estab lishment, in that city, and was sent to Switzerland for the purpose of ascertaining the latest styles, was drowned in Lake Lucerne Tuesday ride in a boat with another lady and three gentlemen.

LAST Thursday evening Walter Rush, son of James. J. Rush, of Ray county, died very suddenly of hemorrhage of the lungs. He had been suffering from lung trouble for a and he is building few air castles. number of years, frequently being had been working in the garden and had started to the house, when sudrahage. He called for help, but before it reached him he sank to the ground and died in a few moments.

About Trotting Horses.

It is a singular fact, says the Rural World, that of the thirteen stallion kings, beginning with Ethan Allen in 1858, with a record of 2:28, and ending with Palo Alto 2:08 3-4, only four have been born in Kentucky, and of that four only two were owned there when foaled there. Ethan Allen was bred in New York; George M. Patchen 2:23 1-2, in New Jersey; Fearmaught 2:23 1-4, in New Hampshire; George Wilkes 2:22 and Jay Gould 2:21 1-2 in New York; Smuggler 2:15 1-4, in Ohio; Maxie Cobb 2:13 1-4, in Philadelphia; Nelson 2:10, in Maine; and Palo Alto 2:08 3-4, California. Mambrino Gift 2:20 and Phallas 2:13 3-4, were bred and

A HANNIBAL woman inserted her For the year just closed the total

Tuesday afternoon of last week MRS. SARAH HARPER died Friday Ed E. Ridgell's little daughter, Besbitten by a dog belonging to Hector mile west of Princeton, Mercer county. McGinnis. The parents of the little Mrs. Harper was perhaps the oldest girl were greatly frightened, thinking that the dog had perhaps gone mad.

A St. Louis widow aged 41 had three children on her hands. A St. THE evils which arise from the Clair county (Ill.) widower aged 65 recently offered his hand and real esgreatly enlarged by the fact that tate valued at \$2,000. She accepted the roads are worst at the very both, but was cautious enough to time that the farmer has to supply get a deed to the real estate and have

SUNDAY morning of last week little Sophia Westerman, the 7-yearold daughter of George Westerman, of Boonville, was playing in a hamcounty, but who now resides at Los mock at her father's bome. She lost Angeles, Cal., writing back to a Ray her balance and fell to the ground, breaking her arm directly above the portruded.

> A young man by the name of Ber ry, living south of Paris, Monroe county, in the edge of Audrain county, was thrown in front of the sickle of a mowing machine Tuesday, and one of his arms cut in a horrible manner by the sickle. One finger was cut off, and his arm from his fingers to his shoulder, was cut to

> HERE's another mode of working an old swindle. A man comes along with a nice line of samples and offers you a suit remarkably cheap. I you give him your order he requires a payment of \$3 to \$5 down to insure that you will take the suit when it arrives. If you never get the suit. you can kick yourself for not buying your elething of a reliable home merchant.

The supreme lodge, A. O. U. W., recently in session at Helena, Montana, reported a membership of 250, 000, a net gain of 30,000 during the year. During the year over \$5,000,-000 was paid to heirs of deceased members. The largest jurisdiction is New York with 31,000 members. Massachnsetts comes second with 28,000 members, and Missouri third with 25,000 members.

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THE selection of Wm. F. Harrity of Pennsylvania, for the chairmanship of the Democratic national committee is, from all reports of that gentleman, an excellent choice. Mr Harrity, as leader of the Pennsyl vania delegation, was offered the solid vote of New York for Gov. Pattison in the Chicago convention if his delegation would enter into a combination against Cleveland.

A CAR load oftrotters, 14 in all, owned by Driver & Clark, of St. Joseph, Mo., arrived at Mexico, Audrain county, Thursday of last week and commenced preparing for this week's races. Among the many fine animals were blooded pieces of excellent horse flesh especially. They were Wilkie Russell, 2:15, Neva Seely, 2:20 1-2, Russell Chief, 2:22 1-2, and Orator with a mark of

ROSA LEE CLEMONS, of Paul's Vallev. Indian Territory, was taken to Kansas City a few days ago for treatment. She is becoming ossified. At birth she weighed only one pound but was well formed. Since then her the money. development has been slow. She is now four feet tall and weighs 28 pounds. She has not a bit of flesh, her skin being drawn closely over the bony frame-work of her body.

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